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WEB Director OJ Boekhoudt affirms power company's support of Urirama Wind Farm

WEB Director OJ Boekhoudt called a press conference on Wednesday, May 16 responding to negative reaction to the Urirama Wind Park proposal and misinterpretations of WEB's report to parliament on May 15 regarding the project. Though engineers from Aruba's power and water production plant agree the most economic alternative to using oil for producing power would be to run undersea lines for natural gas from Venezuela, this does not mean they are not in favor of the construction of a second wind park.

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Protesters fill the hall for first presentation of Social and Environmental Impact Assessment of proposed Urirama wind farm



Islanders march on the Dr Ed Cheung center

Ten days ago, on May 8, Greg Peterson, President of the Aruba Bird Conservation Foundation refuted the findings of a Social and Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA) issued by KEMA, commissioned by the Vader Piet Beheer N.V. for a second set of 10 wind turbines on Aruba's north coast. Henk Hunning, CEO of Vader Piet has pre-

sented a proposal for the construction of a wind farm at Urirama, which when completed, is touted would account for nearly 40% of Aruba's energy needs. The idea of the first wind park was embraced by islanders and at its opening in late 2009 Mr. Hunning had expressed his delight at the attitude towards the project.

Unfortunately, the proposed

second wind farm is receiving strong resistance, largely because of the selected site, directly behind the Alto Vista Chapel. Other voices, such as that of Mr. Peterson, are raised in protest because they find fault with the SEA, particularly in regards to the reported lack of impact on native and migratory avian.

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Autopsy: Estranged Kennedy clan member hanged herself



Mary Kennedy, the estranged wife of Robert F. Kennedy Jr., died of "asphyxiation due to hanging," according to the results of an autopsy performed yesterday.

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Protesters fill the hall for first presentation...

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Henk Huning of Vader Piet Beheer NV



Organizers with Parliamentarian Andin Bikker



Wim Kok Environmental consultant

Mr. Wim Kok of KEMA Netherlands, which conducted the study, gave a formal presentation of the findings on Tuesday evening, May 16, in the Dr. Ed Cheung Center for Innovation on L.G. Smith Boulevard. Prior to this, islanders gathered in a peaceful and orderly fashion under the name of March4Enviroment, to register their misgivings regarding the chosen location. Many are residents of the area and expressed, in particular, their health concerns for those living nearby such a massive wind farm.

The SEA report states the

wind farm will be situated 850 meters from the residential area, which caused some alarm among those attending the presentation. An English study performed by Christopher Barclay and updated in April of this year pertaining to exactly these health concerns and the proximity of giant wind turbines being too close to houses, stated that Scotland suggested a minimum of 2km, while Wales settled on 500m. England has not set a measure by law, but they usually maintain a distance of

350m.

Studies have been conducted in Canada and the U.S. regarding health complaints by those living adjacent to large wind farms, but most declare the results inconclusive. A panel of independent health experts commissioned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts reviewed the very limited medical data available and handed down their findings in January of this year, stating "There is no evidence for a set of health effects characterized as "wind turbine syndrome." Communities in Canada are claiming sleep deprivation from the constant vibration and complain of "a hum and vibration that permeates the house," exacerbating the agitation and stress from lack of sleep. Parties on both sides of the argument have a wealth of material and expert opinions to support their contentions regarding the existence of health hazards due to wind farms, or their exaggeration.

A number of respected

members of the local community, including Parliamentarian Andin Bikker, joined the march preceding the presentation. He had conducted a press conference earlier in the day stating his reservations regarding the wind farm at Uirama, not the least of which is the area had been officially zoned in 2006 as a "green area," and such a project at that spot would be in violation of existing zoning regulations.

Mr. Hunning appeared before Aruba's parliament the following morning to refute Mr. Peterson's claims of the negative impact on bird life, as well as his qualifications to evaluate the statements of the

SEA regarding this. The entire issue has generated quite some controversy on Aruba, and a number of sources are weighing in on the topic.

A detailed explanation of the reasons for reservations for KEMA's SEA of the Uirama Wind Farm project has been submitted by Dr. Ryan Peterson of the University of Aruba; it is in today's edition of THE MORNING NEWS, and those interested in understanding why informed parties are concerned about this document should make sure to read his arguments and why it should not be accepted without question.

by Rosalie Klein



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Bureau of Rent and Consumer Affairs presents report to Minister

ORANJESTAD -- This past week the Director of the Bureau of Rent and Consumer Affairs, E. Hsing presented a report, dubbed, "The Position of the Consumer." This report is actually the results of an investigation conducted by the Bureau. The investigation, by means of a survey, was designed to determine what are

the unrests of the consumer, the extent of the knowledge of the consumer of the laws that protect him, and to find out if the consumer is acquainted with the CAS organization and the Bureau of Rent and Consumer Affairs & Rent Commission.

The Bureau began the survey in November 2011 and was completed in February

2012. The Bureau of Rent and Consumer Affairs & Rent Commission has two primary objectives: to work within the legal framework developed by the government for the protection and empowerment of the consumer, and to increase the awareness of the consumer concerning his legal rights.

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Validity of "Equator Principles" questioned in Windmill Project



To Urirama or not to Urirama? This seems to be the question on many minds since the publication and parliamentary discussion of the social environmental assessment by Dutch experts. By own admission, KEMA Nederland bv was commissioned by Bureau Waardenburg to provide expertise as to the possible ecological effects of a proposed wind farm in Aruba. KEMA undertook the Social and Environmental Assessment (SEA) following the Equator Principles, which included an assessment on nature and ecology (Preface of SEA report).

However, the 'Equator Principles' (EP) are by no means the internationally accepted standards for social and environmental assessments. In fact, the EP is a financial instrument used financial institutions. The so-called "Equator Principles Financial Institutions", most of them major banks, provide about 80% of the world's project finance capacity. These institutions provide financing only to projects that comply with the Equator Principles, a voluntary set of guidelines designed to ensure large projects are financed in socially and environmentally

responsible ways.

Under the EP model, institutions classify each project in accordance with its potential social and environmental risk.

The borrower must conduct a social and environmental assessment, reviewed by an independent expert, for projects in emerging markets with potential adverse risk. It must also prepare and execute an action plan to address the assessment's findings. The institution will only finance the project if it is satisfied that the assessment and plan are in compliance with the International Finance Corporation's performance standards and industry-specific environment, health and safety guidelines.

Although over 50 financial institutions have adopted the EP, EP is by no means the internationally recognized standard for SEA. Many critics, including NGOs, academics and scientists, argue that the EP model is merely 'greenwashing', and has little actual impact on the financial or, perhaps more importantly, social and ecological impacts.

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Aruba government attends European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition



Minister Otmar Oduber with President of Boeing, Capt. Stephen Taylor.

Last week the government of Aruba was in attendance at the European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (EBACE) in Geneva represented by Minister Otmar Oduber.

The EBACE is an important convention which takes place annually in Europe. This convention brings commercial leaders, governments, people in aviation departments and in different areas of private aviation together.

The hosts for EBACE are the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA), and the leader of the association of

The NBBA is the leading voice of the private aviation industry in the USA.

During Minister Oduber's visit to Geneva, he met with various top executives in the world of aviation, among them, the President of Boeing, Capt. Stephen Taylor. He also met with then CEO of Comlux, Richard Gaona and Premier Avia, a large charter company of Russia.

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Aruba Delegation

private aviation in Europe, as well as the National Business Aviation Association (NBBA).

in the world. Interestingly, the majority of their aircrafts are registered here in Aruba!

The Aruban delegation had many encounters with top personalities in the world of aviation. Aruba was well represented at this important convention. Aruba had the opportunity to show a video of Aruba's beauty which was well received by those who saw this. There were over 35.000 people at this extremely successful convention. This convention and aircrafts show is the largest in Europe. Aruba was privileged to be there and to introduce herself to this aircraft registration market.

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Validity of "Equator Principles" questioned . . .

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Evaluation is furthermore impeded because EP institutions have reported little about their compliance with the principles. A recent comprehensive survey of the institutions reporting performance under the current EP model indicates that, in general, reporting by the institutions is inconsistent and fails to adequately highlight what impact the principles and projects are having.

Although the EP model added another layer of sustainability review to project finance, critics believe that the principles do not have any validity. One of the major concerns is the lack of consistency and 'built-in' bias, for example by 're-categorizing' high-risk projects as low-risk to circumvent the assessment process, or to please investor or client demands. Oftentimes institutions might also ignore the independent expert review of the risk assessment.

Recently, a review of the EP model acknowledged these limitations and risks, admitting that it is indeed difficult to assess the impact of the principles, or an Equator institution's compliance, because the principles' members report so little about their experiences.

In the case of the Windmill/Urirama project, it remains questionable to what

extent the EP model was applied, and to what extent the assessment is valid. To what extent were, or will the legitimate concerns be acknowledged and included in the final report? How seriously are community and our local experts considered in the process and product? As a financial instrument, questions are also raised as to the long-term financing of this project and subsequent operations. Furthermore, some have suggested that a second, independent, and ecological-based assessment should be conducted.

To Urirama or not to Urirama will certainly remain a question for some time to come...

by Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson, PhD, MSc.

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"Ciclovía" introduces official logo!



ORANJESTAD -- Ciclovía is the organization charged with presenting events for the general public twice per month. The objective is to do events that will stimulate and encourage the local community to become more active and to live more healthy and happy. They have recently completed the design for an official logo and are prepared to show this off to the community.

The new logo for Ciclovía was designed by the dynamic team of ECA Communication Group.

The logo captures 4 dolls which represent some of the activities performed during Ciclovía. For example, cycling, jogging, walking, running, skateboarding and the different stretch exercises. The energy of Ciclovía is also transmitted in the logo through its bright colors.

There are two Ciclovías planned for the month of May... May 20 and 27. On the 20th of May, Ciclovía will take place in San Nicolaas together with the Festival of Sports. The Festival of Sports is an event where entire families can come out and experience different types of sports and to even take sports lessons.

The objective of the Festival of Sports is to inform and

educate our children about all the different types of sports available on Aruba which they may join and begin to live healthy and active lives.

At every Ciclovía there will be a 16.5 kilometers bike tour for adults and a 3.2 kilometers bike tour for children. The adults bike tour will begin at 9:00 in the morning, while the children's tour will leave at 8:30. The children start earlier so that they can get back in time to join the Festival of Sports.

The Pastoor Hendrikstraat will be closed to all traffic from both directions so that everyone can bring their bicycles, roller blades, skate board or just walk and exercise on the route.

There will also be different recreational games to keep all children involved. The entire event begins from 7:00 in the early morning and will last until 12:00 noon.

Let's plan to meet on Sunday morning at the San Nicolaas Ciclovía. Information about the Oranjestad Ciclovía for May 27 will be forthcoming very soon.

For more information, like Ciclovía's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cicloviiaruba or call IDEFRE at 582-4987

Aruba government attends

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Aruba has an ultra modern system of automatization and administration at the Department of Civil Aviation to facilitate the registration of aircrafts. This enables Aruba to compete with the giants in this market.

The contacts made in Geneva were significant, according to the government and the links and networking that were made will benefit Aruba greatly with respect to the future registration of aircrafts in Aruba.



Minister Otmar Oduber with Comlux Richard Gaona



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The government is doing everything possible to improve and modernise the services related to the protection of the consumer through this Bureau. An important part of the improvement in the services of the Bureau is to continually conduct investigation in the market to keep abreast of important developments on behalf of consumers. The report, "The Position of the Consumer," is the first fruits of the work of modernizing the services of the Bureau. More information related to the results of the report will be forthcoming.

The government is intent on establishing a Consumer Commission from a consortium of different government departments to give the consumer an alternative method to demand their rights. Such a commis-

sion will be a special organism that will help resolve disputes or complaints of the consumer rapidly and inexpensively. This commission ought to be readily accessible and credible where decisions can be respected.

The Minister of Economic Affairs has made funds available to initiate a consumer awareness campaign to make consumers more aware of their legal rights and of the services of the Bureau of Rent and Consumer Affairs. This Bureau stands ready to receive calls from consumers to assist



them with any situation they may have encountered relative to their rights as a consumer. The Bureau is located at Wacaca 33 and the telephone number to call is 582-9914.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Autopsy: Estranged Kennedy clan member hanged herself

NEW YORK (AFP) - Mary Kennedy, the estranged wife of Robert F. Kennedy Jr, committed suicide by hanging, authorities said yesterday.

The 52-year-old's body was discovered Wednesday at her home in Bedford, a town to the north of New York City. While her family confirmed her death within hours, they declined to provide details.

After conducting an autopsy, the Westchester County Medical Examiner's office put the cause of death as asphyxiation due to hanging. It deferred questions to the Bedford Police Department.

Mary Kennedy was the second wife of the son of Robert F. Kennedy, who was shot dead in 1968 while seeking the Democratic nomination for the presidency previously held by his brother John F. Kennedy, assassinated in 1963.

The couple separated in 2010. Together, they had four children aged 10 to 17.

In a statement, the Kennedy family said Mary

"inspired our family with her kindness, her love, her gentle soul and generous spirit."

They added she "was a genius at friendship, a tremendously gifted architect and a pioneer and relentless advocate of green design who enhanced her cutting edge, energy efficient creations with exquisite taste and style."

She was passionate about sustainable development and also had an interest in food allergies. Robert F. Kennedy Jr is an environmental lawyer and radio host.

According to a report in the local Journal News, police were twice called to the Kennedy's home in May 2010 around the time Robert F. Kennedy filed for a divorce.

In the first incident, Mary Kennedy told police her husband was "verbally abusive to herself and her children," the newspaper reported. During a second incident several days later, Robert F. Kennedy Jr reportedly claimed his wife was intoxicated.

Italy dedicates 1,400-year-old olive tree to Michelle Obama

LECCE (AFP) -- A province in southern Italy has dedicated a 1,400-year-old olive tree known as "The Queen" to US First Lady Michelle Obama because of her commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles.

Lecce province in the farming region of Apulia said that the roughly 100 liters (26 gallons) of extra-virgin olive oil

made from the fruits of the giant tree would be sent to the White House every year starting this fall.

"The First Lady has launched the 'Let's Move' campaign for a healthier lifestyle and diet... in perfect harmony with the requirements of a Mediterranean diet," the province said yesterday.

The initiative is being supported by local farmers including the "Sant'Anna Cooperativa," which manages the 1,500

hectares where the tree is located. The tree has a diameter at its base of 14 meters (46 feet) and can produce up to 600 kilograms of olives a year.

Mrs. Obama has had an organic vegetable garden planted in the White House and regularly invites school children to tend it with her.

Last month she appeared in an episode of "The Biggest Loser" -- a US diet reality show -- to promote her campaign against obesity.

US defends visa granted to Raul Castro's daughter

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States yesterday defended its decision to grant a visa to the daughter of Cuban President Raul Castro, saying there was no blanket ban on visits by officials from the communist state.

Mariela Castro, a sexologist who backs gay rights, is due to attend the annual conference of the Latin American Studies Association on May 23-26 in San Francisco.

"We don't link visa policy in cases like this to our larger political and economic and human rights relationship with countries," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters.

"There is no blanket restriction on the issuing of visas to Cuban citizens. In all cases, visas are issued for legitimate travel purposes in the United States, including coming for conferences, courses of study, etcetera."

Some US lawmakers criticized the move, however.

Republican Senator Marco Rubio, whose parents emigrated from Cuba to the United States, blasted the decision as an "outrageous and an enormous mistake."



INDIA, Srinagar : A Kashmiri woman is seen rowing a boat in Dal lake, carrying lotus leaves used as cattle feed in Srinagar. India commands over two percent of the Earth's land area and about four percent of its fresh water resources, but feeds about 17 percent of its population, putting tremendous pressure on natural resources.
AFP PHOTO

CHICAGO, IL : AFP photo shows Margaret Nelson protesting with Iraq Veterans Against the War in the Loop in Chicago, Illinois, yesterday.

This was the fourth day of protests in what is expected to be a full week of demonstrations as the city prepares to host the NATO Summit May 20-21



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International News

Hollande appoints envoy on Colombia kidnap reporter



BOGOTA (AFP) - French President Francois Hollande on Thursday appointed an envoy to the group set up to secure the release of Romeo Langlois, a reporter kidnapped by FARC rebels, the French ambassador to Colombia said.

"I can confirm that one of the first actions of President Hollande was to designate an emissary to participate in the (humanitarian) mission to free Langlois," ambassador Pierre-John Vandoorne told the Cara-

col radio station.

The representative will be available "at the first opportunity," when the rebels give a positive signal for the release of Langlois, a 35-year-old French correspondent for the international television network France 24.

The journalist was taken hostage on April 28 by fighters from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) while he was with government troops conducting a counternarcotics operation that he was filming.

The Marxist guerrillas have promised to hand over Langlois to a delegation of officials that it says must include longtime Colombian mediator and former lawmaker Piedad Cordoba, the Red Cross and an official representing Hollande.

Cordoba has facilitated several hostage releases in the past.

Red Cross officials and the French embassy in Bogota have said they are optimistic that Langlois will be released soon.

The FARC have called Langlois a "prisoner of war" because he had been wearing a Colombian army uniform when he was captured.

Founded in 1964, the FARC is Colombia's oldest and largest insurgency, with more than 9,200 guerrillas.

The last French national held by the FARC was Ingrid Betancourt, a former Colombian senator and presidential candidate. She was abducted during her presidential campaign in February 2002, along with her assistant, Clara Rojas.

Betancourt and 14 other hostages -- including three US military contractors -- were freed in an operation by the Colombian military in July 2008.

Mexican brothers sentenced to hang in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) - Three Mexican brothers were sentenced to death by hanging in Malaysia on Thursday for their part in a methamphetamine production operation.

The Gonzalez Villarreals -- Luis Alfonso, 44, Simon, 37 and Jose Regino, 33 -- were convicted of drug trafficking and sentenced to hang by the Kuala Lumpur High Court along with a Malaysian and a Singaporean.

The suspects were arrested at a factory in southern Malaysia in 2008, with police seizing almost 30 kilograms (66 pounds) of methamphetamine and chemicals used to produce the drug.

"The court finds all five accused are guilty of the charge against them," High Court Judge Mohamed Zawawi Salleh said, announcing the verdict.

"All five accused were aware and were involved in the activity of drug making... The offence is serious," he added.

Drug trafficking carries a mandatory death penalty in Muslim-majority Malaysia, though executions are not publicly announced and activists say few people are thought to have been hanged in recent years.

The five men's lawyers said they would appeal the verdict, which can take years to go through the Court of Appeal and if necessary the Federal Court.

The three brothers, who come from Mexico's northern Sinaloa state, are believed to be the first Mexicans sentenced to death for drug trafficking in Malaysia.

The three, wearing jeans, T-shirts and sandals, handcuffed to each other and each carrying their belongings in a white bag, looked ashen-faced and shaken after the verdict was read out.

"We are very sad. We thought we are going to be acquitted," the eldest, Luis Alfonso, said in Spanish.

Lawyers for the Mexican brothers had argued that the evidence was tampered with. The accused testified they were merely workers taken to the premises to clean them and were unaware of any illegal activity.

Juan Manuel Gonzalez, the deputy chief of mission at the Mexican Embassy, said his government respected the verdict and would continue to monitor the appeal process.

"We respect the Malaysian legal system. The only thing we want is that the rights of these three Mexicans are respected, and they have a fair and transparent trial," he told AFP.

The two others sentenced to death were Malaysian Lee Boon Siah, 47, and Singaporean Lim Hung Wang, 55.

Hundreds of Malaysians and foreigners -- including many from Iran -- are on death row in Malaysia, mostly for drug trafficking.



CARACAS, Venezuela : A relative of an inmate, affected by tear gas, is helped by a member of the Civil Protection force next to La Planta penitentiary in Caracas on May 17, 2012 during the violent now 23-day standoff. Heavily armed inmates are holding out inside the prison against a decision by Penitentiary Affairs Minister Iris Varela to close down the facility because of overcrowding and to move its inmates to other jails. Caught up in the drama, which has so far left one person dead and several others wounded, are relatives of inmates camping out under a bridge outside the prison, and residents of the surrounding neighbourhood.

AFP PHOTO

New French cabinet cuts pay 30% for president, ministers

PARIS (AFP) - French leader Francois Hollande's new Socialist government ordered a 30 percent pay cut for the president and ministers as it held its first cabinet session on Thursday, several ministers said.

Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault earlier said the top item on the meeting's agenda would be the salary cut, a Hollande campaign promise that the premier said was about "setting an example" for France.



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Health & Living

Minister Richard Visser: "Bus di salud" will play an important role in disease prevention on Aruba

During his entire career, Dr. Richard Visser has concentrated on disease prevention, in particular obesity and chronic non-communicable diseases for which obesity plays a role as contributor. Dr. Visser has carried out different scientific investigations on obesity and nutrition, the causes and the consequences. On Aruba, as well as internationally, Dr. Richard Visser is considered an expert on childhood obesity.

At present, as Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sport, Dr. Richard Visser continues with his mission to motivate and encourage the prevention of obesity and chronic non-communicable diseases. His focus is childhood obesity and to provide a good base for nutrition for the growing child and good development of the adolescent and adult.

One tool in the prevention campaign is the "bus di salud" or "health bus", which currently is being remodeled at Van Vliet Trucks in The Netherlands. This "bus" was



designed and was in use as a vehicle for medical consultations. It is being remodeled and equipped with all that is necessary to conduct prevention activities on Aruba, for screening of people in our neighborhoods, using the new Social Media Medicine (e-Medicine) Drimpy.

The "health bus" will be ready and shipped to Aruba at the end of May and is being expected to arrive on the island on time for the Pan American Conference on obesity,

with special attention to childhood obesity taking place in June.

Minister Richard Visser's goal is to motivate self-care through prevention activities and promote behavior that contributes to a healthy lifestyle. The "health bus" will offer its services closer to home for everyone, visiting neighborhoods island-wide with different awareness campaigns, motivating our community to live a healthier life.



JERSEY CITY- Bojana Coklyat and Omar Tzic at the Concordia Learning Center at St. Joseph's School for the Blind in Jersey City, New Jersey April 2012. The art class taught by artist Bojana Coklyat of Jersey City, who became a volunteer art teacher at Concordia after she started losing her eyesight from diabetes.

AFP PHOTO

Sugar can make you dumb, US scientists warn



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Eating too much sugar can eat away at your brainpower, according to US scientists who showed how a steady diet of high-fructose corn syrup sapped lab rats' memories.

Researchers at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) fed two groups of rats a solution containing high-fructose corn syrup -- a common ingredient in processed foods -- as drinking water for six weeks.

One group of rats was supplemented with brain-boosting omega-3 fatty acids in the form of flaxseed oil and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), while the other group was not.

Before the sugar drinks began, the rats were enrolled in a five-day training session in a complicated maze. After six weeks on the sweet solution, the rats were then placed back in the maze to see how they fared.

"The DHA-deprived animals were slower, and their brains showed a decline in synaptic activity," said Fernando Gomez-Pinilla, a professor of neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

"Their brain cells had trouble signaling each other, disrupting the rats' ability to think clearly and recall the route they'd learned six weeks earlier."

A closer look at the rat brains revealed that those who

were not fed DHA supplements had also developed signs of resistance to insulin, a hormone that controls blood sugar and regulates brain function.

"Because insulin can penetrate the blood-brain barrier, the hormone may signal neurons to trigger reactions that disrupt learning and cause memory loss," Gomez-Pinilla said.

In other words, eating too much fructose could interfere with insulin's ability to regulate how cells use and store sugar, which is necessary for processing thoughts and emotions.

"Insulin is important in the body for controlling blood sugar, but it may play a different role in the brain, where insulin appears to disturb memory and learning," Gomez-Pinilla said.

"Our study shows that a high-fructose diet harms the brain as well as the body. This is something new."

High-fructose corn syrup is commonly found in soda, condiments, applesauce, baby food and other processed snacks.

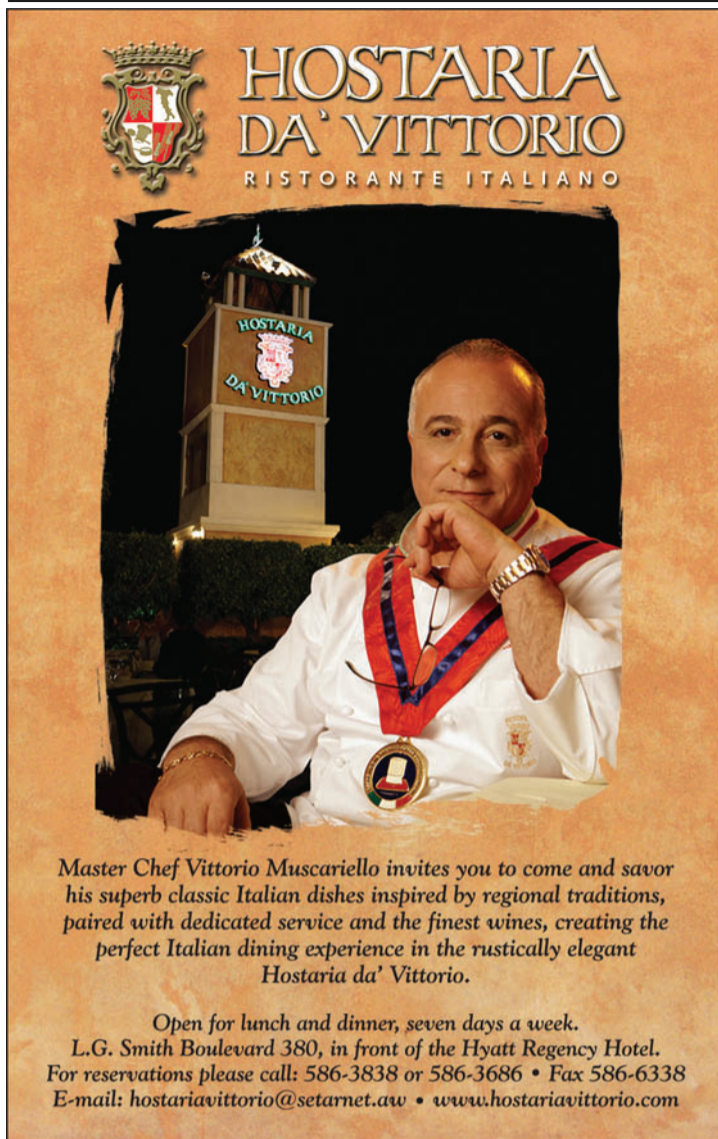
While the study did not say what the equivalent might be for a human to consume as much high-fructose corn syrup as the rats did, researchers said it provides some evidence that metabolic syndrome can affect the mind as well as the body.

The study appeared in the Journal of Physiology.



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Canada, Poland partner to develop shale gas

OTTAWA (AFP) - Visiting Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk and his Canadian counterpart Stephen Harper on Monday announced that their two countries would bolster energy cooperation to develop shale gas deposits.

Both nations are believed to hold large deposits of shale gas -- a natural gas trapped in flakes of sedimentary rock -- and energy companies are eager to tap into them.

Shale gas has become an increasingly important energy source in the United States over the last decade and interest in it is now spreading around the world, despite concerns of environmentalists.

Both leaders said they are sensitive to environmental concerns related to shale gas mining, including the release of

methane -- a greenhouse gas -- into the atmosphere, of pollutants in ground water and its suspected triggering of earthquakes.

Tusk and Harper also announced an updated tax treaty, and a Canadian donation to support the preservation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial in Poland.

Tusk was supposed to have visited Canada in April 2010, but he was forced to cancel his plans at the last minute when Kaczynski and several Polish officials perished in an air crash in Smolensk.

Poland is one of Canada's biggest trading partners in central and eastern Europe, with bilateral imports and exports totaling \$1.7 billion. Canada is also home to nearly one million citizens of Polish origin.



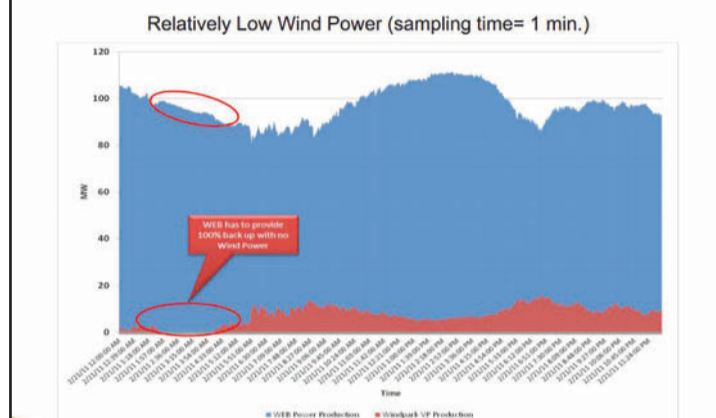
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WEB Director OJ Boekhoudt affirms power company's support of Urirama Wind Farm

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Wind Power Fluctuations (24 hrs.)



power production and fluctuations

"We have to be pro-active in reducing our dependence on oil for producing power," asserts Mr. Boekhoudt. "I do not see the natural gas alternative happening anytime soon, and we must do something now to control our future costs. Granted, consumers will not see a reduction of their utility bills by using wind power, but truthfully, they cannot expect any kind of reduction of rates no matter what alternative energy source we deploy. For that, they must see to their consumption practices and change their habits of energy use. However, we are looking towards whatever means we can towards stabilizing energy costs; we believe the price of oil will continue to rise to the exorbitant rates of 2008." In reaction, there was a substantial drop in the price of crude oil because consumers became conscientious in reducing demand, but it has been steadily rising over the last two years.

Mr. Boekhoudt reminded media that WEB and the Aruban government have no monetary investment in the Urirama Wind Farm, and WEB would only agree to purchase energy from the private company. This scheme is what finally made the Vader Piet project viable and affordable, as private enterprise is taking on all the expenses and risk.

The presentation also analyzed the location, which according to the planners, is the only viable site, and reports it would result in fewer intermittencies and demands on WEB to provide power from their diesel-fueled turbines.

Graphs show a regular drop in wind at the Vader Piet wind farm nearly every 24 hours from 1:18 to around 4:33 AM, an hour when a majority of households deploy their air-conditioning while sleeping, and WEB has to fill in to provide power.

Additionally, WEB engineers stated that according to the Vader Piet's engineers, placing ten more turbines at

close to settled areas. There may perhaps be some leeway to move a bit away from the Alto Vista Chapel, but we can't speak for the wind farm company, they are the ones who have done the study and plan."

Final conclusions of their presentation to parliament found the Urirama Wind Park was:

- Technically feasible
- Has mitigating effect on impact of future HFO (Heavy Fuel Oil) cost increases
- HFO economic incentive to customers is marginal at current fuel prices
- Natural gas no economic incentive to customers
- Operation philosophy will have to change
- Quality/reliability of power supply may decrease
- Decreased carbon footprint (HFO only)

Mr. Boekhoudt stated dependence for such a large percentage of Aruba's energy



Vader Piet Windpark

that site is not feasible; the area would not be able to handle the cumulative vibration and atmospheric tension created by a large number of huge wind turbines in one spot. "They can tweak the plan by placing perhaps one or two at the established location, but the advantage would be negligible. An analysis of the coastline ruled out the present location of the wind farm, they would be forbidden in Arikok National Park, and most of the rest of the north coast as being too

may not be ideal, "but at least it is something that can be done now, with speedy results." He further stated that he has met with other power company engineers and directors also using wind power, and the Vader Piet Wind Farm uniformly outperforms almost all facilities at a noteworthy percentage, delivering on the average 42% of project levels, where the best most facilities report is 25%; usually far less.

by Rosalie Klein

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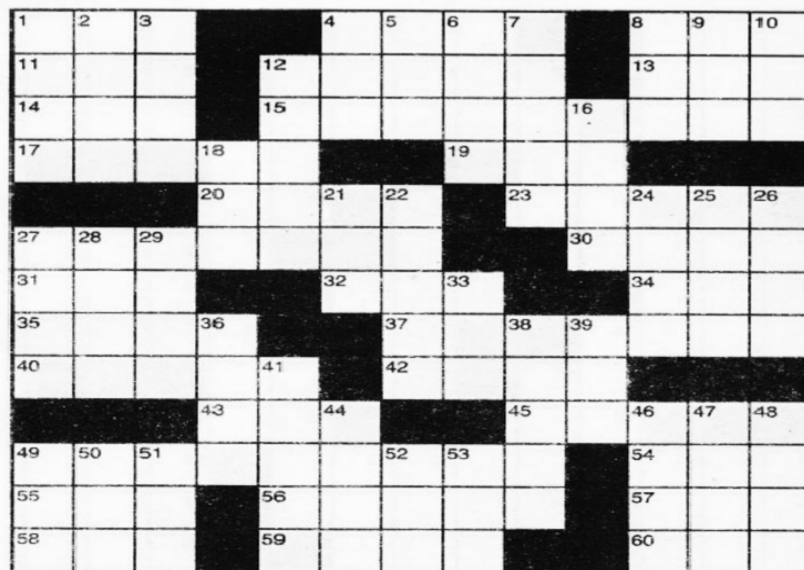
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27. Worship from

28. Casino city
29. Restaurant
handout
33. Half a couple
36. Coy glance
38. Lure

39. Eisenhower's
nickname
41. Gossip
Hopper
44. Sleeping
46. Fresh talk
47. Returned to
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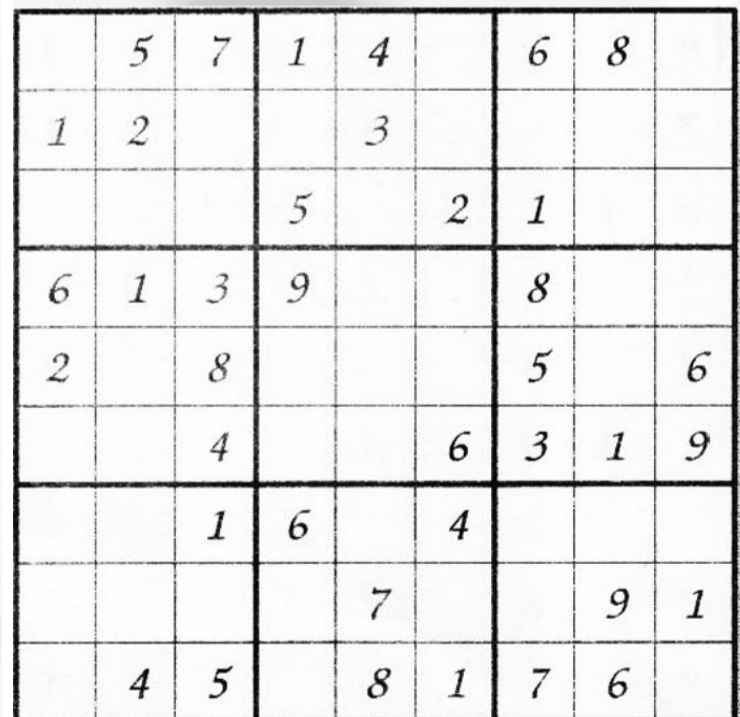
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Brent oil price hits lowest level since December

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices slid Thursday amid rising fears that Greece's escalating debt crisis is about to rip across the eurozone, cutting into energy demand.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude for delivery in June, closed at \$92.56 a barrel, down 25 cents from Wednesday and the lowest level since November 1.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for July took a beating, down \$2.26 to settle at \$107.49 a barrel, a December 30 low.

"Brent prices have continued their slide," said Michael Hewson, an analyst at CMC

Markets trading group.

"It would seem that markets appear more concerned about the more immediate problem of Europe imploding than background noise in the Middle East."

Some discouraging US economic reports and incessant negative news from Europe turned the New York futures contract lower after a positive opening.

Oil prices have been tumbling in recent days on fears that the eurozone debt crisis was spiraling out of control.

A caretaker government took office in Greece yesterday to organize a second election

in six weeks after an inconclusive May 6 vote stripped control of parliament from the backers of a crucial EU-IMF bailout.

The International Monetary Fund said yesterday its planned review mission to Greece for the disbursement of its next loan installment was on hold until after the June 17 elections.

Rating firm Fitch downgraded Greece's credit a notch yesterday, to CCC from B-, citing political uncertainty over the country's commitment to a crucial bailout and possible exit of the eurozone.

US stocks lose over 1% on Europe fears

NEW YORK, May 17, 2012 (AFP) - US stocks piled up losses yesterday as negative news continued from Europe, with Greece's woes deepening and Spain falling into recession.

Strong quarterly earnings from Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer, were not enough to shatter the gloom on Wall Street, sending the Dow industrials and the S&P 500 into their fifth straight day of losses.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbled 156.06 points, or 1.24 percent, to finish at 12,442.49.

The S&P 500-stock index dropped 19.94 (1.51 percent)

to 1,304.86, while the tech-rich Nasdaq plummeted 60.35 (2.10 percent) to 2,813.69.

The three indices opened essentially flat then wallowed in the red the rest of the day. Discouraging US indicators on regional manufacturing and the economic outlook reinforced the bears.

"Data from the US economic docket disappointed investors, while concerns out of Greece and Spain continued to do their part in sinking global sentiment," Charles Schwab & Co. analysts said.

US financial stocks suffered, with Bank of America down 1.8 percent, Citigroup off 1.9 percent and Morgan

Stanley losing 0.6 percent.

Embattled JPMorgan Chase plummeted 4.3 percent. The New York Times reported that the bank's initial estimate of a \$2 billion trading loss has increased by at least \$1 billion in recent days.

Dow member Wal-Mart jumped 4.2 percent after reporting a 10.1 percent surge in first-quarter profit, in a better-than expected unofficial end to the earnings season.

Hewlett-Packard edged up 0.1 percent. The struggling company will unveil a vast restructuring plan next week that will include axing about 30,000 jobs, Dow Jones's AllThingsD reported.

Facebook sets richest tech IPO in motion

NEW YORK (AFP) - Facebook announced yesterday a price of \$38 per share for its record-setting initial public offering, which gives the leading social network a market value of \$104 billion.

The shares will begin trading today under the symbol "FB" on the Nasdaq, the company said in a statement announcing the richest-ever technology IPO and second biggest for a US firm.

The announcement comes amid keen anticipation among investors for a piece of the world's biggest social network, which grew from a Harvard dormitory project in 2004 to more than 900 million members.

Facebook said some 421 million shares of its common stock will be sold at a price of \$38 per share. Facebook itself is offering 180 million and holders of previous shares selling 241 million.

A so-called over-allotment of up to 63 million shares will be made available to the underwriters, a consortium of investment banks including Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs and others.

That will mean one of the biggest IPOs for a US firm, raising between \$16 billion and \$18.4 billion, behind only that of financial giant Visa in 2008, according to Renaissance Capital.

Under the share plan, co-founder Mark Zuckerberg will hold 55.8 percent of the voting power. The 28-year-old controls the firm through a dual class stock structure and certain shares that give him a "proxy" for voting.

Wall Street and investors around the globe have been girding for a frenzy for Facebook shares with investors hungry for a piece of the social network's share offering.

In the past few days, Face-

book boosted the estimated price for the shares, and added to the number of shares being offered from insiders.

London bookmakers were anticipating a stampede for shares. At the betting firm Spreadex, clients have been speculating that shares could rise above \$56 after their first day.

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Britain	GBP	2.79	2.84	2.90
Switzerland	CHF	190.30	191.02	191.82
Netherlands	EUR	226.67	228.74	231.04
Sweden	SEK	24.30	25.02	25.82
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'Queen of Disco' Donna Summer dies, aged 63



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Grammy-winning disco legend Donna Summer died Thursday after a battle with lung cancer, aged 63, her family and media reports said.

Known as the Queen of Disco, the singer, whose 1970s and 80s hits included "I Feel Love," "Love to Love you Baby" and "She Works Hard for the Money," died in Florida, the TMZ celebrity news website said.

"Early this morning, we lost Donna Summer Sudano, a woman of many gifts, the

greatest being her faith," said a family statement.

"While we grieve her passing, we are at peace celebrating her extraordinary life and her continued legacy. Words truly can't express how much we appreciate your prayers and love for our family at this sensitive time."

TMZ reported that she died of lung cancer, citing sources as saying she believed she contracted it after inhaling toxic particles following the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York.

Tributes started pouring in within hours of death on Twitter, where it became one of the top trending topics, with "I Feel Love" as a separate

"RIP Donna Summers!!!!!!??. You were truly a game changer!!!" tweeted singer Mary J Blige, while actress Roseanne Barr said: "RIP donna summer-dead at 63 she works hard for the money was my fave song."

La Toya Jackson, sister of the late King of Pop Michael Jackson whose career took off with the Jackson Five at the same time, tweeted: "My condolence to #Donna Summer's family & love ones. She will be terribly missed."

"She was truly the #Disco Queen!" she said.

Summer, who also became something of an icon in the gay community, shot to fame during the disco era of the 1970s with hits like "MacArthur Park," "Hot Stuff" and "Bad Girls."

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Earliest wall art is found in France

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A massive block of limestone in France contains what scientists believe are the earliest known engravings of wall art dating back some 37,000 years, according to a study.



a site at Abri Castanet

The 1.5 metric ton ceiling piece was first discovered in 2007 at Abri Castanet, a well known archeological site in southwestern France which holds some of the earliest forms of artwork, beads and pierced shells.

According to New York University anthropology professor Randall White, lead author of the paper in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the art was likely meant to adorn the interior of a shelter for reindeer hunters.

"They decorated the places where they were living, where they were doing all their daily activities," White told AFP.

"There is a whole question about how and why, and why here in this place at this particular time you begin to see peo-

ple spending so much time and energy and imagination on the graphics."

The images range from paintings of horses to "vulvar imagery" that appears to represent female sex organs, carved into the low ceiling that rose between 1.5 to two meters (yards) from the floor, within reach of the hunters.

The work is less sophisticated than the elaborate paintings of animals found in France's Grotte Chauvet, which was more remote and difficult to access, believed to be between 30,000 and 36,000 years old.

In contrast, the engravings and paintings at Castanet, which carbon dating showed were about 37,000 years old, are rougher and more primi-

tive in style, and were likely done by everyday people.

"This art appears to be slightly older than the famous paintings from the Grotte Chauvet in southeastern France," said White, referring to the cave paintings discovered in 1994.

"But unlike the Chauvet paintings and engravings, which are deep underground and away from living areas, the engravings and paintings at Castanet are directly associated with everyday life, given their proximity to tools, fireplaces, bone and antler tool production, and ornament workshops."

28,000 years ago.

"Early Aurignacian humans functioned, more or less, like humans today," said White.

"They had relatively complex social identities communicated through personal ornamentation, and they practiced sculpture and graphic arts."

Co-authors on the paper came from leading archeology labs and universities in France and Britain.

In a separate study published last week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, French scientists described the paintings at Chauvet as "the oldest



painting in the Chauvet Grotte in France

However, even though the artwork is vastly different, archeologists believe the artists came from the same Aurignacian culture which comprised the first modern humans in Europe, replacing the Neanderthals. They lived from 40,000 years ago until about

and most elaborate ever discovered."

Those finding were based on an analysis -- called geomorphological and chlorine-36 dating -- of the rock slide surfaces around what is believed to be the cave's only entrance.

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'Queen of Disco'.. continued from pg12



The orgasmic-sounding "Love to Love You Baby," released in 1975, was one of the first disco songs to be released in extended form, giving full vent to Summer's erotic moans and groans.

In the 1980s her hits included "She Works Hard for the Money" and "State of Independence."

The disco diva was born LaDonna Adrian Gaines into a large devoutly Christian family in Boston and started singing in the local church, before performing in a number of Motown-influenced groups in her teens.

Summer took her stage name after marrying Austrian actor Helmuth Sommer in 1972, anglicizing her name after divorcing him. She spoke fluent German and the couple had a daughter, Mimi Sommer.

The singer won five Grammy awards during her spectacular career, including in 1980 for best rock female vocalist for the 1979 "Hot Stuff," but also as recently as 1997 for best dance recording for "Carry On."

She holds the record for most consecutive double albums to top the Billboard charts -- three -- and first female with four #1 singles in a 12-month period, three solo and one with Barbra Streisand, according to the IMDb website.

TMZ reported that she had kept her illness quiet, and didn't appear too sick only a couple of weeks ago, citing sources as saying she was focused on trying to finish a new album she had been working on.

She married singer Bruce Sudano in 1980, and they had two daughters together, it said.

Forbes names Jennifer Lopez 'most powerful' star



NEW YORK (AFP) - Jennifer Lopez is the world's most powerful celebrity, according

to Forbes magazine Wednesday in a rankings based on a combination of earnings, press coverage and Internet presence.

Lopez headed the 100-strong list, up from 50th last year, while her American Idol colleague Ryan Seacrest was 29th. Lady Gaga, the

pop singer, came in at number five, toppled from her top

perch last year.

Television presenter Oprah Winfrey was second, followed by teen heartthrob Justin Bieber at third and singer Rihanna at fourth.

Many on the list at www.forbes.com/celebs showed business acumen as well as stage talent, Forbes said. For example, Bieber "is also a serious investor, with stakes in a dozen companies that appeal to his tech savvy, including a chunk of Spotify."

"Numerous celebrities are leveraging their fame to make

early-stage investments or launch startups themselves," Forbes said.

The best example was J. Lo, whose acting and singing career appeared to have tanked a few years ago.

Her success as a judge on American Idol, a resurgence in marketing her music, and an attention-grabbing divorce from Marc Anthony, followed by lucrative product endorsement deals, have sent her financial star shooting.

"While she hasn't stormed Silicon Valley just yet, Jennifer

Lopez is a state-of-the-art celebrity success story," Forbes said. "With \$52 million in earnings over the last 12 months and a massive amount of fame, Lopez lands at number one on our Celebrity 100 list for the first time."

Overall, the earnings power of the top 100 dropped in 2012 to \$4.4 billion from \$4.5 billion. Winfrey was still the most lucrative star, earning \$165 million, although that was well below her \$290 million haul last year.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BALTIMORE	25	14	.641	--
TAMPA	24	14	.632	0.5
YANKEES	20	17	.541	4.0
TORONTO	20	18	.526	4.5
BOSTON	17	20	.459	7.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CLEVELAND	22	16	.579	--
DETROIT	18	20	.474	4.0
CHICAGO	17	21	.447	5.5
KANSAS	15	22	.405	6.5
MINNESOTA	12	26	.316	10.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	24	14	.632	--
OAKLAND	19	19	.500	5.0
LA ANGELES	17	21	.447	7.0
SEATTLE	16	24	.400	9.0

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
WASHINGTON	23	14	.622	--
ATLANTA	23	15	.605	0.5
NY METS	21	17	.553	2.5
MIAMI	20	17	.541	3.0
PHILADELPHIA	97	19	.500	4.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	22	15	.595	--
CINCINNATI	19	18	.514	3.0
PITTSBURG	17	20	.459	5.0
MILWAUKEE	16	21	.432	6.0
HOUSTON	16	21	.432	6.0
CHICAGO	15	22	.405	7.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
LA DODGERS	24	13	.649	--
SAN FRANCISCO	18	19	.486	6.0
ARIZONA	65	22	.421	8.5
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Sweden looking for redemption at Euros



Sweden's Euro 2012 squad

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Having failed to reach the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, Euro 2012 is an important tournament for Sweden to prove they have overcome that setback.

Prior to the 1990s, Sweden's qualification record for big tournaments was patchy to say the least.

Although they had qualified for seven out of 12 World Cups from 1934 to 1986, they had never made it to a European Championship finals before hosting the competition in 1992.

But since then they have been regulars at both major events, missing out only twice on World Cup qualification and once at the Euros since 1990.

They have become some-

thing of a steady but unspectacular presence at most international events.

Their qualification for this tournament was quite impressive considering they missed out on the 2010 World Cup.

They pipped Portugal and Croatia as the best second placed team in qualifying thanks to a 3-2 win over the Netherlands in their last group game.

That ended the Dutch team's 17 match group stage winning run and proved that Sweden are capable of mixing it with the big guns.

Their best Euros result came when they hosted the event in 1992 when they reached the semi-finals but this is a competition that has not always been won by the favourites.

Denmark's victory in 1992 and Greece's in 2004 are testament to the surprises the Euros can produce.

Sweden are built around a solid and organised defence looking to launch quick counter-attacks, something similar to tactics Greece used to great success in 2004.

A lot depends on Sweden's

talisman, AC Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Outside of his homeland and Italy he is often considered to be someone who looks a genius against minnows but fails to produce the goods when the going gets tough.

That is perhaps a little harsh as it is naturally tougher to find space and be effective against better teams but Ibrahimovic still has a lot to prove.

He was his team's top scorer in the group stages but his role is more than just finishing things off in the box. He is a focal point for bringing the likes of Kim Kallstrom, Sebastian Larsson and Johan Elmander into the game.

Kallstrom is another crucial element to the team as, alongside Germany's Mesut Ozil, he produced the greatest number of assists in qualifying, across all groups.

Sweden's task is tough in a group containing hosts Ukraine and traditional powers England and France.

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NBA: Durant's heroics leave Lakers Thunder-struck

OKLAHOMA CITY, (AFP) - NBA scoring champion Kevin Durant struck for 22 points, five coming in a game-ending 9-0 run, as Oklahoma City stunned the Los Angeles Lakers 77-75 in the NBA playoffs on Wednesday.

The Thunder, unbeaten in six playoff games, seized a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference second-round series, which shifts to Los Angeles for games three and four today and Saturday.

"We kept our composure," Durant said. "Their defense was unbelievable tonight. We stuck with it and I was able to make some big shots. A win is a win in the playoffs. We've

got to be prepared for game three."

On the verge of pulling even in the series, the Lakers return home in need of a victory on Friday to avoid being on the edge of elimination.

"We're pretty disappointed," Lakers guard Steve Blake said. "We worked hard to get that lead. They took it from us but we gave it away at the same time."

The Lakers' defense shut down the NBA's most potent playoff scoring attack most of the game and took a 75-68 lead on a hook shot by Andrew Bynum with 2:08 to play in the fourth quarter. But Los Angeles would not score again.

James Harden, voted the NBA's top reserve player, snapped a four-minute Oklahoma City scoring drought on a layup with 1:59 remaining to pull the Thunder within 75-70.

Durant followed with a steal and a fast-break slam dunk to trim the Lakers' lead to 75-72 and Harden produced a driving layup to pull the hosts within a single point with 56 seconds remaining.

After a Kobe Bryant miss for the Lakers, a double-covered Durant made a clutch baseline jump shot with 18.6 seconds remaining to give the Thunder a 76-75 advantage.

"Big shot, big steal," Lakers coach Mike Brown said of Durant's late-game heroics. "Give them credit -- big plays down the stretch for OKC."

With the game on the line, the Lakers had an inbounds opportunity on the sideline in the offensive zone. They tried to set up a play for Bryant but the Thunder's Russell Westbrook left Blake unguarded in the corner and Metta World Peace tossed him the ball for

an uncontested 3-point attempt.

"Kobe was wide open on the back side," Brown said. "Metta saw Steve and Steve was open so Metta passed it to him."

Blake's shot bounced off the rim and the Thunder recovered, setting the stage for a final free throw by Durant.

"I was there to be an outlet for (the inbounds pass)," Blake said. "My man ran away from me. I got a good look. I made a good shot. It just didn't go in."

Durant deliberately missed his second free throw but the ball barely touched the bottom of the netting, giving the Lakers a last-gasp possession with 0.3 of a second remaining, but they could not execute a play for a shot attempt.

As most of the crowd of 18,203 cheered and the Thun-

der celebrated, the Lakers could only wonder how they let a seemingly secure victory slip away.

"We will be all right," World Peace said. "We had a lot of good things that happened tonight. We will be better when we get in that position again."

World Peace, formerly known as Ron Artest, was not ready to lay the blame at the feet of Bryant for missed shots and a late turnover.

"If one person turned it over, we all turned it over," World Peace said. "At the end of the game we all lost."

Bryant and Bynum each finished with 20 points while Spaniard Pau Gasol added 14 points and a game-high 11 rebounds for the Lakers.

Westbrook scored 15 points and Harden added 13 points for the Thunder.

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and field, baseball and softball, volleyball, basketball, handball and swimming, draughts and chess, with a final champion soccer match scheduled to herald the closing ceremonies on June 9. Events will take place after school hours at the Guillermo Trinidad Stadium, Frans Figaroa Stadium in Noord, Roly Bislick Olympic Pool in Savaneta, Centro Deportivo Libertador Betico Croes in Sta. Cruz, Flat Stone Ball Park in Piedra Plat, ATIA Building in Dakota and the

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Honor guard of the torch run

with an honor guard of medal-winning track stars bearing the torch to officially open the games; the team began its run to through the streets of Aruba from the Pius X School. It was comprised of young Aruban athletes who recently won medals at the Inter-island Games in Bonaire. They were: bronze winners Shery-Ann Solognier, Edward Santos, silver-medal winners Naomi Hazel, Meryn Faro, Norangelo Jacobus and gold-medal winners Shemar Monticueux and Pedro Vrolijk, Principal torch bearer was gold medal-winning runner Esme Ubijaan,

10-year-old, who was lifted into the air to light the flame over the stadium as a signal to

let the games begin!
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